(c) whether any out sourcing system is implemented in BSNL;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government has any policy to fill up the existing vacancies in a time bounded programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As on 24th July, 2009, the working strength of employees is 2,96,695 against the sanction strength 3,90,640.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The outsourcing system is implemented in BSNL for security/watch and ward of major telecom installations, House keeping, Mobile Call Centre services, maintenance of New Technology (NT) exchanges and Base Transceiver Station (BTS) etc.

(e) Creation and filling up of posts are continuous process. Keeping in view the fast changing business as well as technological scenario, need-based recruitments by direct recruitment as well as internal promotions are being done.

KSWAN project

2895. SHRI ANIL H. LAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Information Technology, Government of India received proposal from Karnataka Government for reassessing the adequacy of the bandwidth sanctioned for the KSWAN (Karnataka State Wide Area Network) Project; and

(b) if so, the status of the proposal thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Karnataka State Government has been communicated that the charges for bandwidth capacity requirement over and above the ceiling of 4 Mbps between State HQ and district HQ and 2 Mbps between District EQ and block HQ due to its perceived higher usage level, have to be met by the State Government from its own budget. As such, any decision of additional bandwidth and associated cost over and above the approved capacity would be decided at the level of State Wide Area Network (SWAN) Implementation Committee.

Outstanding dues

2896. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the outstanding amount of private telephone operators to BSNL have been continuously increasing over the past few years and they have not shown interest in paying the dues in times;

(b) if so, the details thereof;